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".... since the diet of the natives is confined to meat and fish, she must suckle the infant up to three or four years, and sometimes even to five. Nik, the wife of Aksiatak, was still occasionally suckling her son Nakitok, though the boy was certainly five years old and she had a baby of two or three months."

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"Eskimo children show little respect for their elders in the manner to which we are accustomed. They address them as equals, and join in any conversation that may be taking place, not hesitating to interrupt or even correct their parents. Often they have nicknames for their elders which they will use to their very faces; thus Kanneyuk would sometimes call her mother 'the woman with the wide mouth'. Yet they do show a certain amount of deference, and a child will generally do what it is told, however unwilling. If it disobeys, some elder is sure to chide it and lecture it on the duty of children; the shame of public disapproval is sufficient in most cases to produce submission. Boys are more apt to be spoilt than girls, probably because they are more errant and come less directly under their parents' influence. Corporal punishment is never resorted to, though a child may receive a thump with the fist or a blow from the snow-duster in the passion of the moment, when it will often try to retaliate. Thus Kanneyuk was vexed one day when Higilak told her to do something, and sulked in a corner of the hut. Her cousin Kesullik jeered at her behind her back, so she turned round and hit him in the eye. He began to cry, and Higilak poked Kanneyuk two or three times with the snow-duster, causing her to cry also. The quarrel was soon over, however; the same evening the two children went off together to sleep in a little tent by themselves. Many similar incidents might be recorded. Aksiatak's boy Nakitok received a sharp slap on the side of the head one day because he knocked some thing off the table; and a

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Coppermine river native named Huputaun knocked his little daughter violently against the wall because she was quarrelling with her younger brother. It is only natural that the children should often quarrel among themselves and knock each other down, but no one takes any notice. Generally speaking, boys and girls grow [170] up like wild plants, without much care or attention from the time they can run about till they approach puberty."